

“A Journey Through Texas” *from* The Journey of Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca
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“Boulders Taller Than the Great Tower of Seville” by García López de Cárdenas
Vocabulary Builder

Using the Root -mort-

A. DIRECTIONS: *The Latin root -mort- means “death.” For each sentence that follows, use the context clues and your knowledge of the root -mort- to help you define the word in italics.*

1. The explorer fell halfway down the canyon and lay *mortally* wounded.
mortally _____
2. Were they subject to death like all human beings, or were they *immortal*?
immortal _____
3. Following the tragedy, the airport hangar served as a temporary *mortuary* until the bodies could be identified.
mortuary _____
4. The wake will be held in the parlor of the local *mortician* after he has prepared the body.
mortician _____

Using the Word List

entreated feigned mortality subsisted traversed dispatched

B. DIRECTIONS: *On the line, write the letter of the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.*

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| _____ | 1. ENTREATED: | A. purchased | B. refused | C. asked | D. begged |
| _____ | 2. MORTALITY: | A. death | B. life | C. illness | D. weakness |
| _____ | 3. SUBSISTED: | A. survived | B. perished | C. hid | D. helped |
| _____ | 4. FEIGNED: | A. smirked | B. avoided | C. pretended | D. revealed |
| _____ | 5. TRAVERSED: | A. crossed | B. assisted | C. stopped | D. silenced |
| _____ | 6. DISPATCHED: | A. received | B. sent | C. broke | D. repaired |